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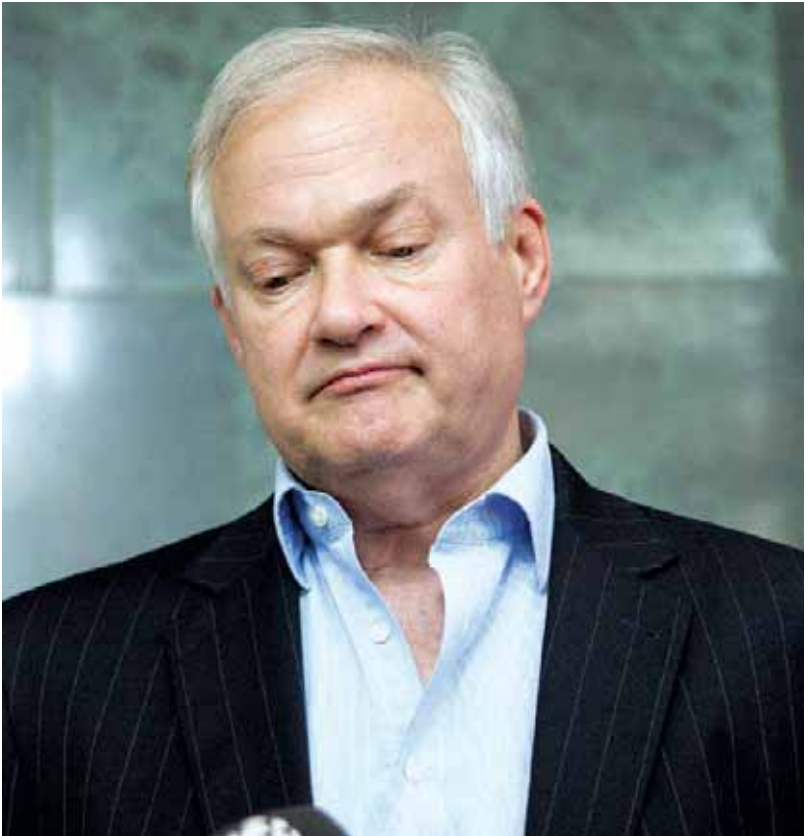
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News worth sharing.



KEEP ON TALKING

Donald Fehr, executive director of the NHLPA, pauses as he speaks to journalists following collective-bargaining talks in Toronto on Wednesday. Negotiations continue between the NHL and the NHLPA to avoid a potential lockout.
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DUI collisions decline in Alberta: Stats

Legislation. Critics of new laws say measures could hinder progress in drunk-driving fight



Fewer Alberta crashes have been attributed to impaired driving in recent years, but that is doing little to stir proponents of new provincial legislation.

"We can't celebrate," said Calgary police Insp. Michael Watterston. "We can't celebrate if there's even one death because someone wasn't responsible."

According to Statistics Canada data compiled from Alberta Police Service, the rate of non-fatal collisions attributed to impaired driving is about half of what it was in the late 1990s. Last year saw 95 total collisions, or roughly 2.5 per 100,000 residents.

While data on fatal impaired-driving collisions has fluctuated a bit more, the general trend is still downward, with 0.45 incidents per 100,000 residents in 2011.

Wildrose justice critic Shayne Saskiw said he believes drunk driving is a problem that will never be fully rooted out and fears new legislative measures taken by the province will actually do more harm than good.

Starting Sept. 1, all drivers

found with a blood-alcohol content over .05 will be issued a three-day driving suspension instead of the current 24-hour reprimand.

"It's going to distract the enforcement officers to reprimand people at .05," Saskiw said. "Instead, those resources should be devoted to those over .08."

But Alberta Transportation spokesperson Parker Hogan disagreed, saying the new law targets just a small portion of irresponsible motorists.

"Most make those decisions, make those arrangements to get home safely either by friend or by professional driver ... but unfortunately the professional driver for some of these folks is operating a hearse or an ambulance," he said.

Take that Lukaszuk

Fairmont Hot Springs dishes it back to deputy premier
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Payback for joke. Fairmont resort rocked by slide pokes back at deputy premier

Officials with an B.C. resort that was hit by a massive mudslide earlier this summer have taken what they believe is a playful dig back at the deputy premier, who apologized for a joke he made about the situation.

Thomas Lukaszuk was out of the country July 15 when the mudslide caused a great deal of damage at the Fairmont Hot Springs in eastern B.C. and trapped hundreds in an RV park overnight.

He posted a photo of a washed-out road on his Facebook page and joked there were likely good room deals if guests didn't mind a little mud.

On Wednesday, the resort released a tongue-in-cheek response, offering Lukaszuk a two-for-one room deal and a shovel.

"He had some fun with us, now it's our turn," said Marke Dickson, director of sales and marketing for the resort. "Most times politicians land themselves in hot water — it's not a good thing. This time he could land himself in hot water and it would be soothing and relaxing."

The offer to Lukaszuk is part of a promotion at the resort as it recovers from the mudslide. The deputy premier declined requests for an interview but a statement was issued from his office.

"The deputy premier considers the mudslide at Fairmont Hot Springs resort an unfortunate situation, and is pleased to see the resilience of the community in response to the natural disaster," the statement reads.

"He encourages any donation be directed to those individuals who were impacted by the incident."

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Roommates, from left, Samantha Brown, Jill Lennox and Kate Dinning stand outside their still-standing but heavily fire-damaged home. Lennox is holding a family heirloom that was recovered from the ashes inside. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Arson unit seeks public's help in \$3.5M Ramsay fire

Excavation.

Investigators begin 'dig-out' of debris-strewn fire site

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As the Calgary Police Service arson unit sought information from the public about Monday's fire in Ramsay, a trio of roommates sifted through the rubble of their burned-out home and found at least one priceless item intact.

"This was this necklace my dad gave my mom on

their first date, and they've been married for 40 years," Jill Lennox said. "It's incredible. I can't believe it."

Lennox, along with her roommates Kate Dinning and Samantha Brown, were asleep on Monday morning when the fire broke out in a neighbouring home under construction on Bellevue Avenue S.E.

The three women, who have been friends since childhood, grabbed their dog and fled after neighbours alerted them to the fire.

The blaze ultimately consumed two homes, seriously damaged two more and caused exterior damage to another, said Calgary Fire Department spokesman Jayson

Investigation

Police said it's common to "front load" a major fire investigation by seeking the public's help sooner rather than later.

- A single tip from the public "could be critical" to the investigation, according to police.
- Anyone with info is asked to call to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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The total damage is estimated at \$3.5 million.

Given that price tag and a piece of evidence found earlier at the construction site that "raises an eyebrow," police Staff Sgt. Bruce Walker issued a public call Wednesday afternoon for information related to the blaze.

Walker said "charred material" was found at the site in April, but was careful to note police don't yet consider the fire to be "suspicious" and won't make that designation until the cause is determined.

In the meantime, Lennox, Dinning and Brown are trying to get on with their lives.

"It's definitely been a roller coaster, emotionally," Brown said. "But the world goes on. We're lucky to have each other."

Mobile news



Researchers have identified strange-looking mutated butterflies found near Japan's Fukushima nuclear plant. Scan the code to see why the science community is so worried.



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Court action against LRT extension ruled out

Meeting. Calgary Transit to discuss concerns about LRT extension Thursday



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Board members of a northeast Calgary community association have opted against court action to stop the opening of a northeast LRT track extension they deem a hazard to area

children.

But area alderman Jim Stevenson's office will request that trains passing through the Martindale area slow by 30 km/h and that further design changes be explored.

Martindale Community Association members had floated the idea of filing a court injunction against the track development last week, but president Terry Lyn Martin said a projected \$30,000 price tag was too steep.

The association's concerns are specifically focused on a surface-crossing that runs

across Martindale Boulevard, just metres from a number of homes. There are safety arms installed on both sides of the track, but area parents have expressed fears that their little ones can easily walk underneath them.

"We feel that there are some serious safety concerns," Martin said following a closed-door association meeting Wednesday evening.

The official opening of the LRT extension is scheduled for later this month. Martin said association members will be in attendance for a celebration.

But she said she, but hopes in the meantime to arrange in the meantime an in-person meeting with city planners.

Transit officials have long held that a proper safety audit was done on the extension and have offered little indication the design will change.

Stevenson, who was in attendance for a portion of Wednesday's meeting, said he's optimistic and doesn't believe court action is necessary.

"We're all trying to achieve the same thing, so there's no point fighting over it," he said. Reached earlier in the day

Martindale area

- Transit has already begun test runs on the NE LRT line extension.
- The speed limit for vehicles travelling along Martindale Boulevard is 50 km/h, but C-Trains typically travel at up to 80 km/h.

Wednesday, Transit spokesperson Ron Collins said the matter would likely be ad-

ressed further during an internal meeting Thursday.

"The fact of the matter is the community has known the C-Train was coming right through there and they were very accepting of that," Collins said.

Martin and fellow members insisted they had only just learned of the final design for the surface-crossing despite repeated requests for such information in the past.

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Horror musical is knocking 'em undead again

If musically inclined undead is your thing, *Evil Dead: The Musical* is once again playing at the Pumpphouse Theatre in Calgary. The cast members, seen here during a rehearsal Wednesday in Calgary, are back after a seven-week sold-out engagement in Calgary in 2009. Tickets for the show are on sale at the Pumpphouse Theatre box office or by phone at 403-263-0079. KATIE TURNER/METRO

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Economist. Calgary ties for fifth in ranking of world's most livable cities

Vancouver, Toronto and Calgary are among the top five most-livable cities in the world, according to a new report by The Economist magazine.

The rankings, released earlier this week, gave 140 cities a score between 0 to 100 on 30 factors including health care, culture and infrastructure.

Vancouver came in third with a score of 97.3; Toronto came in fourth at 97.2, and Calgary tied for fifth place with Adelaide, Australia, at 96.6. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Calgary is among the world's most livable cities, a new ranking says. METRO FILE

Rats. Rodent colony found at Medicine Hat landfill

Alberta's rat-free status could be in jeopardy after more than a dozen Norway rats were discovered at a landfill in the southeast corner of the province.

Alberta Agriculture Minister Verlyn Olson announced the discovery of the colony of 19 rats during a news conference Wednesday at the Medicine Hat regional landfill.

The rats were found on Aug. 9 and all have been killed, but officials are worried there could be more.

Traps and infrared digital cameras have been set up at sites around the dump, and Cypress County officials are keeping a close watch, according to Medicine Hat police spokesperson Mike Hutchings.

Calgary's acting director of animal and bylaw services, Greg Steinraths, said there's no concern locally, and at any time if a rat is seen within city limits people should call 311 immediately.

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No injuries

Explosion prompts closure of Barlow Trail

Fire crews responded to the 7300 block of 30 St. S.E. after reports of an explosion. According to fire officials, the lid of a large containment vessel was sent flying after the explosion and debris was scattered around the area. There were no fires and no injuries, although Barlow Trail was closed for a while due to a downed power line.

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Seasonal census

Homeless counted overnight in Calgary

Volunteers from a variety of city agencies conducted a seasonal homeless count overnight. They're hoping that when the results are in they'll see a drop in numbers similar to the 11.4 per cent decrease noted in the count done in January of this year.

More than 200 people scoured the city to count the homeless. The results of the tally will be available in the fall. **METRO**

Glenbow Museum cuts back on staff and hours

Cost-saving measures.

Workers surprised by extent of reductions; union blames financial mismanagement

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Fourteen employees of the Glenbow Museum were informed their jobs would be cut back or cut entirely on Wednesday morning, as the museum looks to tame a persistent deficit.

The cuts amount to 9.9 full-time positions, according to the Canadian Union of Public Employees, including two people who will lose their jobs entirely.

"It's a very sad place to be right now," union president Kim Hallis said of the mood at the museum. "We're all very close."

Hallis said 2.4 full-time management positions are also being reduced, but no current managers will lose

Repercussions

- The Glenbow Museum will be closed on Mondays, beginning in September.
- The number of "exhibition seasons" will be reduced to three per year, down from four.

their jobs.

Staff expected some cuts, Hallis said, as the Glenbow has been running deficits of more than \$1 million for the past three years. But when the axe came down she said employees were "surprised by the breadth of it."

Glenbow president and CEO Kirstin Evenden said the cuts were necessary to ensure the long-term viability of the museum. "That sustainability is what we're really focusing on right now," she said. "We're determined to reduce and eliminate the deficit."



A woman walks into Calgary's Glenbow Museum on Wednesday morning shortly after some employees received layoff notices. **ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO**

The job cuts will save the museum \$700,000 annually, Evenden said, while other operating changes are expected to save an additional \$500,000 a year.

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Real estate. Boards sees slow and steady growth for Calgary market

Calgary's real estate market has outperformed expectations so far this year, but home prices are still down from their 2007 peak, and sales activity is expected to slow in the remainder of 2012, according to the Calgary Real Estate Board.

The outlook comes less than a week after Scotiabank economists forecast an average 10 per cent drop in home prices over the next two or three years across Canada.

But CREB chief economist Ann-Marie Lurie said Calgary's market is uniquely strong due to the high rate of job growth here and a continued influx of people moving to the city.

"All of these factors will help support the housing market this year," she said.

CREB president Bob Jablonski said he expects — and hopes — to see slow and steady growth in prices and sales volumes in the near future.

"I don't want to see that

Watching the market

- Average single-family home prices in Calgary are still about five per cent below their 2007 peak.
- Average condo prices are off about 10 per cent from 2007 levels.
- While GDP growth for Canada is forecast at 2%, for Calgary it's 3.8%, according to the CREB.
- Alberta's GDP grew by 5.2% in 2011, which the CREB calls "almost unheard of."

dramatic, up-and-down swinging anymore," he said. "I think we've learned, based on what's happening in Europe and what's happening in the States' economy, that we need to be conservative and prudent about how we buy and sell."

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Give peas a chance. Energy company delays pipeline through garden

It was a battle between a group of gardeners carrying spades and pitchforks and a giant pipeline company lining up its bulldozers.

In the end, the little guys with the green thumbs won. Plains Midstream Canada has backed off its plans to start construction of a pipeline in north Edmonton that would have destroyed a summer's worth of work by some community gardeners.

The garden was started through the Wecan community co-op on the north-

ern outskirts of Edmonton 20 years ago as a way to help low-income, immigrant families grow their own food, with some produce going to churches and the Edmonton Food Bank.

But construction of the oil pipeline bordering the garden is going to destroy at least a third of it. On Tuesday, as bulldozers were scheduled to rumble through the garden, residents got a reprieve. Plains Midstream has decided to delay the work until October. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



MLA Deron Bilous speaks to reporters Tuesday at a rally to keep a city community garden intact through its harvest. Now Plains Midstream has agreed to delay its pipeline project. CONTRIBUTED

Erin Woods

Police arrest alleged flasher

The man suspected of exposing himself to an Erin Woods senior has been arrested on Canada-wide warrants, according to Calgary police.

Police say Fabian Twain Hopkins, 33, of Calgary was arrested in the parking lot of a southwest mall Tuesday afternoon.

The incident dates back to July 18, when police say a suspect entered a home and exposed himself to the 83-year-old. **METRO**

Education

Angolan students graduate from SAIT

The Angolan Ambassador to Canada was on hand Wednesday as SAIT graduated a group of Angolan students. Thirty-seven received a certificate of achievement in production, operations and maintenance

technician, as part of a partnership between SAIT's MacPhail School of Energy and Esso Exploration Angola.

Along with the studies, students were also exposed to cultural activities such as skiing, ice skating and hockey. Two more groups are slated to participate in the program in October 2012 and 2013. **METRO**

CIFF

Midnight's Children to open festival

With the Calgary International Film Festival set to kick off next month, the organization has announced a film based on novel by Salman Rushdie will headline the event.

The red carpet opening night of CIFF on Sept. 20 at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium will feature

Midnight's Children, directed by Deepa Mehta.

The movie, based on the Booker Prize-winning novel, tells the tale of two children in India following the country's independence from Britain.

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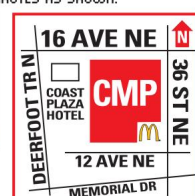
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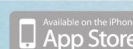
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Hayley Rushford, seen here with her mom, Loretta, is trying to get Keith Urban to send a message to lift her mom's spirit. CONTRIBUTED

Daughter begs Keith Urban for message to her mom

Second battle. Calgary woman battling cancer for the second time



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Battling breast cancer the first time was hard enough, but when Hayley Rushford's mother Loretta was diagnosed again, she knew she had to do something to lift

her mom's spirits.

Rushford has started an online campaign she's dubbed #ProjectLoretta, asking everyone to send a message to her mom's musical idol, Keith Urban.

After her mom was diagnosed again in June after 18 years in remission, Rushford started secretly soliciting video submissions from family members and friends.

The result is a video plea, more than 20 minutes long, which her mom has no idea

Quoted

"(My mom) has no idea how many people are behind her."

Hayley Rushford, organizer of #ProjectLoretta

about, asking Urban to send a message or even meet Loretta in person.

"Our goal is to get #ProjectLoretta trending on Twitter," said Rushford.

She said she and her mom first fell in love with Urban's music when Rushford was in junior high. Now 19, Rush-

ford said the pair have gone to more than half a dozen concerts and have met all the members of his band, except for Urban.

"It kind of became our thing," said Rushford, adding her mom recently brought up the country star over dinner, saying, "I can't die yet. I

haven't met Keith Urban."

Since starting the campaign earlier this week, Rushford said she's been encouraged by the amount of support from the hundreds of people tweeting and retweeting #ProjectLoretta.

"(My mom) has no idea how many people are behind her," she said. "It's been quite overwhelming."

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Tracking devices

New taxi bylaw 'too Big Brother': Alderman

At least one Calgary alderman is not surprised that a city taxi broker has filed for a judicial review of new industry regulations, suggesting that council may have over-extended itself legislatively.

Metro first reported that Associated Cab representatives will go before a Calgary courtroom later this month to claim that new data-tracking regulations were "enacted for an improper purpose, in bad faith and (are) patently unreasonable."

Ald. Andre Chabot pointed out that, while he's not a lawyer, some of the measures seem to be "too Big Brother."

"I think we should have put something in place that was more agreeable to the industry," he added. "This, I don't think, had any support from the industry. It may have had a lot of public support."

Taxi brokers will now be required to provide information to city livery transport services on a range or service measures, including customer response times and vehicle counts.

Associated Cab president Roger Richard has claimed outfitting his fleet with devices capable of providing such data would cost up to \$1 million.

If they hold up in court, the new taxi-industry measures will be phased in. Brokers who violate the rules could face a fine of \$2,000 per day.

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Bladder trouble

Prince Philip, 91, back in hospital

Queen Elizabeth's husband, Prince Philip, was admitted to hospital in Aberdeen, Scotland, on Wednesday with a recurrence of the bladder infection he suffered earlier this summer.

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Robbery at icon's home

Steve Jobs' wallet had a dollar inside

The burglar who broke into Steve Jobs' house made off with the Apple co-founder's wallet with a dollar inside and his driver's licence along with Apple gadgets and jewelry, says a police report.

The suspect, Kariem McFarlin, 35, allegedly tar-

geted the unoccupied Palo Alto, Calif., home because it was under renovation. Jobs died last October.

Also taken were iPhones, iPads, iPods, Mac computers, Cristal Champagne and \$60,000 worth of Tiffany & Co. jewelry.

McFarlin has been jailed on \$500,000 bail.

He faces almost eight years in prison if convicted.

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'Oh my god!'

Gunfire, panic in temple rampage

Gunfire can be heard in recordings of emergency calls from the scene of the shooting that killed six worshippers at a Sikh temple in the U.S.

Milwaukee County authorities on Wednesday released tapes from the

Aug. 5 attack at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin.

As one caller says "There's a shooting," gunfire can be heard.

Another woman calls to report seeing someone shot. At one point, a dispatcher says, "Oh my god!"

White supremacist Wade Michael Page opened fire at the temple before shooting himself.

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Two dozen cities

Global rallies for Pussy Riot band

Rallies urging freedom for members of Pussy Riot will be held Friday before a Russian court rules on their fate. The three women have been in jail for five months because of an anti-Putin prank.

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Town's double dose of grief

Carnage in Syria.

Two savage bombing raids kill at least 20, including a baby; women and children among the wounded

Syrian fighter jets swooped in low over the rebel-held town of Azaz Wednesday in two bombing runs that sent panicked civilians fleeing for cover and reduced homes to rubble.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 23 people died in

the double airstrike and more than 200 were wounded.

Mohammed Nour, a local activist reached by phone, put the death toll at 25. Neither figure could be independently confirmed.

One man was pulled bloodied but alive from the wreckage of destroyed homes.

"God is great! God is great!" yelled his rescuers.

Nearby, a woman sat on the pile of bricks that once was her home, cradling a dead baby.

Two other bodies lay next to her, covered in blankets.

"I saw the plane come down and some missiles fall and then there was smoke all over," said Mohammed Fuad, 18, who lives near the site of the attacks.

"When it cleared, we heard screaming and saw rubble all over the streets."

The attack came on the same day the United Nations released a report accusing Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces of war crimes in the killings of more than 100 civilians — nearly half of them children — in the village of Houla in May.

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Injured but alive: Syrians leave a field hospital in Azaz after an airstrike Wednesday. KHALIL HAMRA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wants new ideas

Baird thinks again over \$2 million

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird has changed his mind about giving \$2 million to a Syrian-Canadian group so it could buy medical supplies.

The Canadian Press has learned Baird has told officials to find another way to get the supplies to Syria.

The government announced on the weekend that Canadian Relief for Syria would be given the \$2 million to provide medical care to people caught up in the ongoing conflict.

But a government source says Baird is concerned that some of the funds will be used for warehouses and other infrastructure.

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Attack scene

Azaz, about 48 kilometres north of Aleppo, considers itself "liberated" since rebel forces pushed out the army in a series of gritty street battles last month. Its largest rebel group, the Northern Storm Brigade, runs a prison and the nearby border crossing with Turkey.

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E-dealer. Canadians among the top users of illicit drug website

Canadians are among the top sellers and buyers of marijuana, steroids, cocaine and other drugs available at the click of a mouse on an anonymous website that functions like a black market version of eBay, a study has found.

The website, called Silk Road, uses a digital currency to protect online purchases, and an anonymity software to conceal users' identities online, making it very difficult for law enforcement agents to locate the site's servers or its participants.

Nicolas Christin, a cyber security professor at Carnegie



Marijuana is the top-selling drug on the Silk Road site. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., said the website is growing at an alarming rate, with total revenues estimated at \$1.9 million per month.

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Accidental incident

Don't keep a gun in your pocket

A man accidentally shot himself in the buttocks Tuesday at a cinema in Nevada during a showing of *The Bourne Legacy*. The man told officers the gun fell from his pocket and discharged. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mexican forests

Logging axed in butterfly reserve

Illegal logging has nearly been eliminated in the western Mexico wintering grounds of the monarch butterfly, thanks in part to an anti-logging patrol program, a new research report says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Centuries-old sunken ship brought back from the deep

Dry land. Researchers at Texas university try to reconstruct French explorer's vessel with the help of a gigantic freeze-dryer

More than three centuries ago, a French explorer's ship sank in the Gulf of Mexico, taking with it France's hopes of colonizing a vast piece of the New World — modern-day Texas.

Like La Salle in 1685, researchers at Texas A&M University are in uncharted waters as they try to reconstruct his vessel with a gigantic freeze-dryer, the first undertaking of its size.

By placing the ship, named

Quoted

"People can see firsthand how history can turn on a dime."

Jim Bruseth, who led the Texas Historical Commission effort to recover the remains of the sunken ship La Belle



The hull of the 17th-century French ship La Belle is shown at the Texas A&M University Center for Maritime Archaeology and Conservation in Bryan, Texas. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

La Belle, in a constant environment of up to 60 degrees below zero, more than 300 years of moisture will be safely removed from hundreds of European oak and pine timbers and planks.

Researchers will then rebuild the 16.5-metre vessel, which will become the centerpiece of the Bob Bul-

lock Texas State History Museum in Austin.

From a historical perspective, it's "an icon of a small event that dramatically changed the course of Texas history," said Jim Bruseth, who led the Texas Historical Commission effort to recover the remains.

The supply ship was built in

1684 and sank two years later in a storm on Matagorda Bay, about midway between Galveston and Corpus Christi.

"When La Belle sank, that doomed La Salle's colony and opened up the door for Spain to come in and occupy Texas," Bruseth said. "People can see firsthand how history can turn on a dime." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In this photo taken on July 17, Thai customs officials stand next to a line of ivory that was confiscated and shown at a news work hand-in-hand with ivory traffickers to ensure that other shipments through Suvarnabhumi International Airport are

Top dogs of wildlife trafficking slipping through the cracks

Smuggling. Kingpins appear to be taking advantage of corrupt cops and officials

Squealing tiger cubs stuffed into carry-on bags. Luggage packed with hundreds of squirming tortoises, elephant tusks, even water dragons and American paddlefish. Officials at Thailand's gateway airport proudly tick off the illegally trafficked wildlife they have seized over the past two years.

But Thai and foreign law-enforcement officers tell another story: Officials working hand in hand with traffickers ensure that other shipments through Suvarnabhumi International Airport are whisked off before they even reach customs inspection.

It's a murky mix. A 10-fold increase in wildlife law-enforcement actions, including seizures, has been reported in the past six years in Southeast Asia. Yet, the trade's Mr. Bigs, masterful in taking advantage of pervasive corruption, appear immune to arrest and continue

Shady deals

- Officials at the airport, one of Asia's busiest, acknowledge corruption exists, but downplay its extent.
- Another shortfall in the system is the multiple agencies that often don't co-operate.
- Each with a role at Bangkok's airport: the police, national parks department, customs, immigration, military and CITES, all of which regulate international trade in endangered species.

to orchestrate the decimation of wildlife in Thailand, the region and beyond.

And Southeast Asia's honest cops don't have it easy.

"It is very difficult for me. I have to sit among people who are both good and some who are corrupt," says Chanvut Vajrabukka, a retired police general. "If I say, 'You have to go out and arrest that target,' some in the room may well

warn them," says Chanvut, who now advises ASEAN-WEN, the regional wildlife enforcement network.

Several kingpins, says wildlife activist Steven Galster, have recently been confronted by authorities, "but in the end, good uniforms are running into, and often stopped by, bad uniforms. It's like a bad Hollywood cop movie."

Recently, Lt. Col. Adtaphon Sudsai, a highly regarded, outspoken officer, was instructed to lay off what had seemed an open-and-shut case he cracked four years ago when he penetrated a gang smuggling pangolin along the Mekong River.

This led him to Mrs. Daoreung Chaimas, alleged by conservation groups to be one of Southeast Asia's biggest tiger dealers. Despite being arrested twice, having her own assistants testify against her and DNA testing that showed two cubs were not offspring from zoo-bred parents as she claimed, Daoreung remains free and the case may never go to the prosecutor's office.

Daoreung is the spouse of a police officer.

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conference in Bangkok. According to Thai and foreign law-enforcement officers, Thai customs officials whisked off before they even reach customs inspection. APICHAET WEERAWONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



In this photo taken June 2, 2011, a Thai customs officer shows an Indian gharial, a type of crocodile, with its mouth tied at a news conference on wildlife seized in Bangkok. APICHAET WEERAWONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A young Indian roofed turtle crawls on the fingers of a customs officer in this 2011 photo. APICHAET WEERAWONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Endangered animals

China the top consumer of illegal goods

The issue of animal smuggling is prevalent elsewhere in Southeast Asia, the prime funnel for wildlife destined for the world's No. 1 consumer — China — where many animal parts are consumed in the belief they have medicinal or aphrodisiacal properties.

Most recently, a torrent of rhino horn and elephant tusks has poured through Asia from Africa, which suffers the greatest slaughter of these two endangered animals in decades. Vietnam was singled out last month by the World Wide Fund for Nature as the top destination country for the highly-prized rhino horn.

Tens of thousands of birds, mostly parrots and cockatoos plucked from the wild, are being imported from the Solomon Islands into Singapore, often touted as one of Asia's least corrupt nations, in violation of CITES, the international convention on wildlife trade.

According to TRAFFIC, the international body monitoring wildlife trade, the imported birds are listed as captive-bred, even though it's known that the Pacific Ocean islands have virtually no breeding facilities.



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Attacks fly as U.S. race gets increasingly heated



U.S. President Barack Obama looks on as Michelle Obama speaks during a campaign stop on Wednesday in Iowa. CHARLIE NEIBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney speaks to travelling press secretary Rick Gorka on Wednesday in Ohio. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Election. Romney accuses Obama of running campaign driven by 'hatred'; Obama says that his rival's hawking 'trickle-down snake oil'

Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney said U.S. President Barack Obama is running a campaign driven by "division and attack and hatred" and called on him Wednesday to lift the tone of political discourse.

In a close and increasingly acrimonious race, Romney went on national television to say he thinks Obama is "running just to hang onto power, and I think he would do anything in his power" to remain in office.

They were some of Romney's harshest words yet against the president. He was interviewed on CBS television from the battleground state of Ohio, one of fewer than 10 key states that will help decide the November election.

Closing out a three-day bus journey across the Midwestern state of Iowa, Obama did not respond to the Romney attack, but accused his opponent in the Nov. 6 presidential election of "trying to sell this trickle-down snake oil before."

Many business-friendly Republicans maintain that creating a better economic climate for top income earners and big corporations produces benefits that spread downward to lower-income workers.

Obama insists that Romney and his newly named vice-presidential running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan, have laid out a program that reprises the economic policies of former President George W. Bush: Big tax breaks for the wealthy and cuts to the social safety net for older Americans and the needy.

He blamed that economic philosophy for leading the country into the deepest economic downturn since the Great Depression, saying Republicans were responsible for middle- and low-income wages stagnating or falling since the turn of the century.

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Fall. Penn State to host child-sex-abuse conference

Penn State announced Wednesday that it will host a national child-sex-abuse conference this fall, the latest in a series of initiatives designed to raise awareness of the issue and help the university recover from a devastating molestation scandal.

The gathering scheduled for Oct. 29 and 30 in State College will feature academic and clinical experts on childhood molestation and trauma, as well as remarks by retired boxing champ Sugar Ray Leonard and former kidnapping victim Elizabeth Smart, both of whom suffered sexual abuse.

"Penn State has made a commitment to becoming a leader in the research, prevention and treatment of child abuse, and this conference is an

Paterno book

Joe Paterno sobbed while meeting with his coaches and a former player the day after he was fired from Penn State, according to an excerpt of an upcoming book on Paterno to be published in GQ magazine.

• "I have spent my whole life trying to make (my) name mean something. And now it's gone," Paterno is quoted as telling his son.

important part of that," university President Rodney Erickson said in a statement.

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Caregiving

'Silver tsunami' PSA launched

There's a campaign beginning Thursday to raise awareness of the heavy impact of family caregiving as the U.S. ages — and to point overwhelmed families toward resources that may ease the strain.

In a new public-service ad, a woman grips her car's steering wheel as her frail father, on oxygen, coughs beside her and her kids play in the back seat. The frustration is recognizable to millions who struggle to care for aging loved ones while holding down jobs and raising children.

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Repentant Japan recalls WWII, seeks forgiveness

Nation's PM mourns the dead. His message: 'We have caused tremendous damage and pain to many countries ...'

Japan marked the 67th anniversary of its Second World War surrender with a sombre ceremony in the capital Wednesday.

Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda mourned the war dead and apologized to victims of Japanese wartime atrocities.

"We have caused tremendous damage and pain to many countries, particularly the Asian people, during the war," Noda said.

"We deeply regret that and sincerely mourn for those who were sacrificed and their relatives. We will not repeat the same mistake."



Family members and relatives of war dead lay flowers during a memorial service in Tokyo on Wednesday. SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Meanwhile, regional tensions flared on the emotional anniversary. Activists from China and South Korea used the occasion to press claims to disputed sea territory.

A group of 14 people travelled by boat from Hong Kong to a set of uninhabited

islands controlled by Japan but also claimed by China and Taiwan. Japanese police said they arrested five of them who swam ashore.

China urged Japan to refrain from taking action that could endanger Chinese citizens. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Baghdad bombings kill 10; death toll rises

Iraq. al-Qaida attempts to reassert itself

Three bomb blasts shortly before sunset Wednesday killed 10 people north of Baghdad in the latest spasm of violence to grip Iraq.

The blasts underscored the volatility of the country eight months after the last U.S. troops pulled out. Insurgents, led by the local branch of al-Qaida, are trying to re-establish themselves in their old strongholds and undermine the government.

The first bomb went off on Wednesday in Baqouba, about 60 kilometres north-east of the Iraqi capital. Police said two civilians and one police officer were killed, and five people were wounded.

Minutes later, authorities said, a car bomb exploded at the entrance of the main market in Muqadiyah, about 90 kilometres north of Baghdad. A second blast struck as police arrived on the scene. Police said the toll for both bombings in the town was seven killed and 26 wounded.

The bombs exploded shortly before the ceremonial breaking of the daily fast

Who's responsible?

- There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the bombings, though large co-ordinated bombings are often the work of al-Qaida's local franchise.
- The al-Qaida offshoot, known as the Islamic State of Iraq, has declared its intentions to reclaim areas from which it was routed by the U.S. and its local allies. It has for years had a hot-and-cold relationship with the global terror network's leadership.

during the holy month of Ramadan, when families and friends gather for a sunset meal. Police said the Muqadiyah market was crowded with shoppers who were buying last-minute supplies for the "iftar" meal.

Baqouba and Muqadiyah are both located in the province of Diyala, a former stronghold of al-Qaida's Iraqi branch. The province is home to both Sunni and Shiite Muslims. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Violence. Grenades thrown into Afghan mosque compound

Nearly two dozen Afghan civilians were wounded on Wednesday when two grenades exploded inside a mosque compound and a bicycle bomb blew up in a city market, officials said.

The violence came a day after bomb blasts around Afghanistan killed at least 50 people in the deadliest day for civilians this year, as Taliban insurgents and other militants ramp up violence across the country.

The Taliban summer offensive coincides with Afghan police and soldiers taking on

more responsibility for security while international forces start to withdraw.

Separately, NATO reported that one of its service members was killed Wednesday in an insurgent attack in the east. NATO did not disclose the nationality of the soldier or provide any more details.

The U.S. military reported that one of its soldiers died in a roadside bombing Wednesday, also in eastern Afghanistan. So far this year, 286 international troops have been killed in Afghanistan.

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A wounded man is carried at the scene of an explosion in Herat, west of Kabul, Afghanistan, on Wednesday. HOSHANG HASHIMI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Assault

Iraqi hero among five arrested in sex attack

An Iraqi man hailed as a hero for helping U.S. soldiers in Iraq is one of five Iraqis accused of rape-related charges after a woman suffered serious injuries during a sex assault in Colorado Springs.

Jasim Mohammed Hassin Ramadan, 22, was charged with sexual assault and being an accessory after he was arrested Tuesday in connection with the July 22 attack.

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Court

Arab naval officer loses U.S. lawsuit

A naval officer from the United Arab Emirates has lost a lawsuit that claimed he didn't pay a domestic servant for long hours of work.

A federal judge in Rhode Island signed an order of default Monday against Col. Arif Mohamed Saeed Mohamed Al-Ali.

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Israel

War with Iran could be costly: Defence chief

An Israeli attack on Iran's nuclear program could trigger a bloody monthlong war on multiple fronts, killing hundreds of Israelis or more, the Israeli Cabinet's civil defence chief warned in an interview published Wednesday.

It was the most explicit assessment yet of how the government sees events unfolding in the aftermath of an Israeli attack.

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Libya

Red Cross increases outreach

The International Committee of the Red Cross says it is reaching out to Libyans to counter suspicions about the relief agency's work in eastern and central Libya, following attacks there.

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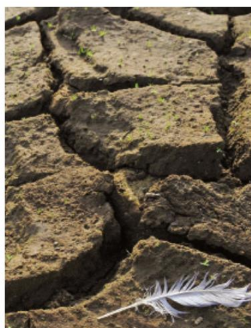
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Only two per cent of Canadians deny climate change: Poll

Paradigm change. Poll comes after Alberta election, in which it is believed the Wildrose Party lost when party leader Danielle Smith refused to admit climate change exists



51 per cent of Canadians believe fossil fuels will still be used after the year 2050 for electricity production in Canada. GETTY IMAGES

Only two per cent of Canadians who responded to a new opinion poll believe climate change is not occurring.

The findings are in a survey conducted by Insightix Research, Inc. for IPAC-CO2 Research Inc., a Regina-based centre that studies carbon capture and storage.

The online poll of 1,550 people was done between May 29 and June 11.

The results were released on Wednesday.

"Our survey indicates that Canadians from coast

Almost one-third — 32 per cent — said they believe climate change is happening because of human activity, while 54 per cent said they believe it's because of human activity and partially due to natural climate variation.

Nine per cent believe climate change is occurring due to natural climate variation.

Two per cent said they don't believe climate change is occurring at all.

The opinions about the cause of climate change and how to combat it are divided among the provinces and by region.

According to the survey, Prairie respondents are least likely to believe that climate change is occurring due to human activity, while residents of Quebec, Atlantic Canada and British Columbia are most likely to hold this belief.

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to coast overwhelmingly believe climate change is real and is occurring, at least in part due to human activity," said centre CEO Carmen Dybwad.

Respondents were asked where they stood on the issue of climate change.



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U.S. army general accused of opulence could be demoted

'Kip' Ward. Highest-ranking officer faces multiple allegations of improperly spending hundreds of thousands of dollars

A four-star U.S. army general who was the first head of the new U.S. Africa Command is under investigation and faces possible demotion for allegedly spending hundreds of thousands of dollars improperly on lavish travel, hotels and other items, The Associated Press has learned.

Gen. William (Kip) Ward has been under investigation for about 17 months, and Defence Secretary Leon Panetta is expected to make a final decision on the matter before the end of the month, according to several defence officials.

The defence officials said Ward is facing numerous allegations that he spent several



Gen. William (Kip) Ward
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hundred thousand dollars allowing unauthorized people, including family members, to fly on government planes, and spent excessive amounts of money on hotel rooms, transportation and other expenses when he travelled as head of Africa Command.

A four-star general is the highest rank in the U.S. army.

While the exact amount of alleged misspending was not disclosed, the estimated total raises comparisons with the \$823,000 allegedly spent by dozens of employees of the General Services Administration, who were accused of lavish spending during an October 2010 conference at a Las Vegas resort.

Officials described the investigation to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because it is a personnel matter and the report on the investigation has not been released publicly.

The Defence Department inspector general has completed its investigation into Ward's activities, and the issue is under legal review.

A request for comment from Ward was not immediately fulfilled Wednesday.

Panetta's options regarding Ward are limited by complex laws and military guidelines. Panetta can demote Ward and force him to retire at a lower rank. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Hundreds of families forced out of settlement

Elsy Castillo, 25, and her eight-year-old daughter Dairi, react as they are forced to leave the area near the Jacobo Arbenz housing settlement by the military and police in Guatemala City Wednesday. Security forces evicted about 200 families on Monday from vacant lots that they took over in January. **RODRIGO ABDI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

American Samoa

N.Z. fishery guilty of dumping waste

A federal jury has convicted a New Zealand fishing company of dumping oil waste into U.S. waters outside American Samoa, and falsifying records.

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Scottish terror group

Bomb threat suspect indicted

A member of a Scottish terror group was indicted Wednesday on charges he emailed bomb threats that disrupted campus life at the University of Pittsburgh.

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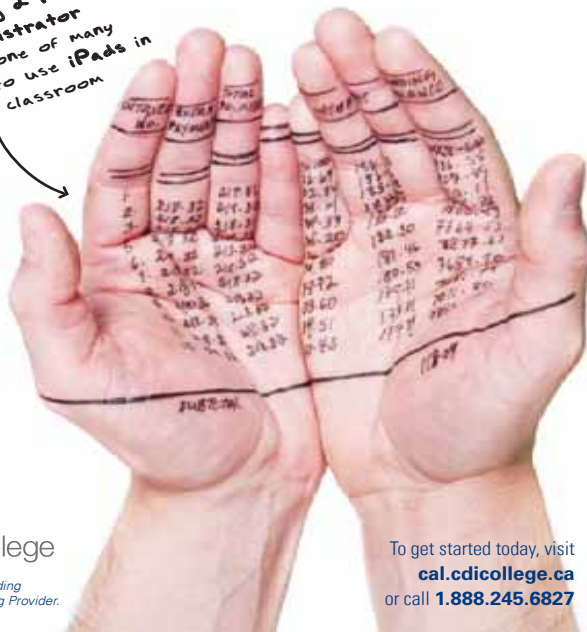
Toss out cross lawsuit: Lawyers

Lawyers for a 9-11 memorial say a judge should toss out a lawsuit by an atheist group seeking to stop a display of a cross-shaped beam found among WTC wreckage. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Patent infringement

Lululemon takes Calvin Klein to court

Lululemon Athletica Inc.'s signature body-hugging pants have become so integral to the popularity of the brand that it is suing Calvin Klein Inc. for patent infringement over a very similar design. Lululemon Athletica has filed a lawsuit in the U.S. accusing PVH Corp.'s Calvin Klein and G-III Apparel Group Ltd. of infringing on patents covering an overlapping style of waistband. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Child safety

Bumbo Baby Seats recalled in Canada

More than 4.6 million Bumbo Baby Seats are being recalled in North America, including about 342,000 in Canada, after reports of infant skull fractures.

Health Canada says babies can arch their backs and flip or manoeuvre out of the Bumbo floor seat. About one million of the moulded foam seats were recalled in October 2007 for additional warning labels against placing the Bumbo seats on raised surfaces.

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Women virtually untapped in beer market: BMO report

Brewing competition.
They're looking for low-cal, light beer: Expert

It's been mostly a man's world when it comes to beer.

Women are a big, untapped market for North American beer brewers as they face more competition from wine and spirits and specialty craft brewers, says a Bank of Montreal report.

"At this juncture, 80 per cent of beer sales are sold to guys," said David Rinneard, national manager of agriculture at BMO.

What women want is low-calorie, lighter-flavoured beer and beer-based beverages, he said Wednesday from Toronto.

Brewers will appeal to female sensibilities with these niche products along with commercials and marketing targeted at women, he said.

On the wagon

Per-capita consumption of beer remains flat in Canada and has fallen in the United States, the bank's study said.

- One of the challenges ahead for the North American brewing industry is the scorching temperatures this summer that could push up prices.

- Prices for barley, wheat and, to a lesser extent, hops have been going up.

"They're making a diligent effort and attempt to go after that new market."

Calories also are "unquestionably" a factor in getting women to drink more beer, Rinneard said, adding men can also be calorie conscious.

Traditionally, women weren't pursued by brewers because they didn't need the market with the "prosperous" and defined market of male beer drinkers, Rinneard said.

Beer for women is starting to make some inroads. "Chick Beer" is an American craft-brewed beer specifically aimed at women and boasts just 97 calories, 3.5 carbs per bottle and 4.2 per cent alcohol.

For the calorie conscious, there's Molson Ultra with 2.5 grams of carbohydrates, 97 calories and 4.5 per cent alcohol.

As wine and spirits affect beer consumption and the population ages, brewers have to look for other growth opportunities, Rinneard said.

"In essence, they're competing for a defined or limited amount of stomach space, if you can call it that."

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Samsung shooting for Apple

Baz Luhrmann, a movie writer, director and producer, discusses on Wednesday at a news conference how he has recently been using a Samsung Galaxy Note 10.1. Samsung Electronics Co.'s release is the latest shot at the dominance of Apple's iPad with a tablet equipped with a digital pen and a faster processor at the same price tag. The Wi-Fi-only version of the Galaxy Note 10.1 will go on sale in the U.S. on Thursday. The price starts at \$499 US for the basic model with 16 gigabytes of storage and \$549 for the 32-gigabyte model, expandable with an external memory card. Apple's latest iPad starts at the same price but the Note 10.1 offers some features that the iPad doesn't have, while its screen resolution is lower than the iPad's.

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Aussie court upholds cigarette-logo ban

Crying counterfeit

"Plain packaging will simply provide counterfeiters with a road map. The legislation will make the counterfeiters' job both cheaper and easier by mandating exactly how a pack must look."

Imperial Tobacco spokeswoman Sonia Stewart in a statement

Australia has urged other countries to adopt the world's toughest law on cigarette promotion, which was upheld Wednesday by the country's highest court and prohibits tobacco companies from displaying their logos on cigarette packs.

The High Court rejected a challenge by tobacco companies who argued the value of their trademarks will be destroyed if they are no longer able to display their distinctive colours, brand designs and logos on cigarette packs.

Starting in December, packs will instead come in a uniform drab shade of olive and fea-

ture graphic health warnings and images of cancer-riddled mouths, blinded eyeballs and sickly children. The government hopes the new packs will make smoking as unglamorous as possible.

"Governments can take on big tobacco and win and it's

worth countries looking again at what the next appropriate step is for them," Attorney General Nicola Roxon told reporters after the court ruling.

British American Tobacco, Philip Morris International, Imperial Tobacco and Japan Tobacco International are

worried that the law will set a global precedent that could slash billions of dollars from the values of their brands. They challenged the new rules on the grounds that they violate intellectual-property rights and devalue their trademarks.

The cigarette makers argued that the government would unfairly benefit from the law by using cigarette packs as a platform to promote its own message, without compensating the tobacco companies. Australia's constitution says the government can only acquire the property of others on "just terms." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



A proposed "plain-packaged" cigarette packet. **THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT/GETTY IMAGES**

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STUDY SAYS WE'RE SILLY GOOSES



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A couple of enlightening new surveys released this month show that many Canadians are oblivious, dog-like fools. None of the articles written about the studies started that way, mind

you, but I think the news was buried.

What the stories did say was that many Canadians — myself included — manage their money with all the success of Research in Motion. Roughly half of us have no emergency savings, and a good chunk of young people plan to retire early but haven't actually started saving, you know, money.

Some of the reasons youth gave for not saving are a little baffling, as if I just made them up or something:

- 40 per cent plan to cash out their World of Warcraft gold, ignoring the fact that Mario coins have barely appreciated in value.
- 33 per cent have "liked" Retirement Savings on Facebook multiple times and don't know what more they could possibly do.
- Five per cent have access to the Fox News channel, and thus assumed socialist welfare state would cover costs.

Freedom fuddled

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It'd be one thing for a survey to show that, say, Canadians are overweight and unhealthy. But if the same survey showed that obese, chain-smoking Canadians had plans to compete at Rio, we might start questioning our mental-health system too.

Not that I'm one to talk.

I personally always keep several thousand dollars in my mattress for when the McRib comes back. But other than that, I am a typical, cash-confused Canadian.

My emergency savings consist of a jar in my apartment where I throw pennies, so that once it's full enough I can complain about how useless pennies are. A penny saved is a waste of time, I always say.

As for retirement, I plan to die retroactively at 27.

In other words, I feel Canada's financial pain. Or, more specifically, I don't feel it, which is the problem.

This is where we're like dogs. If you have a dog and he eats your food while you're out, you know it's pointless to discipline him; the crime and the punishment are too far apart, and he'll wonder why you're suddenly upset that he's licking himself for the 27th time that day.

As with global warming, we don't see the negative consequences right away, so we can't do the right thing.

It would be helpful if ATMs jolted you with 10,000 volts at every withdrawal, or if our credit cards were designed to give us nasty paper cuts.

Maybe if the bank teller scratched us behind the ear and told us we were good every time we made a deposit, we'd do it more often. If banks start doing this, please let me know. I'll be in your debt. And if my track record holds, most likely forever.



Want to plan for retirement with no money? Ha! ISTOCK

Philippines turns into Venice



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Stormy weather

Natural disasters return to islands

Tropical storm Kai-Tak is battering the Philippines, with the islands still recovering from the last deadly storm just a week ago. Many roads are knee-deep in water, and at least four deaths have already been confirmed. Forecasters are hoping that Kai-Tak will be out of the Philippines by the end of the week. **METRO**

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Worst Philippine storms

- **Nesat.** Struck in 2011, and spread as far as China. Caused over \$1 billion US in damage and 747 deaths.
- **Parma.** Killed 465 people and caused over \$600 million US in damage in 2009.
- **Fengshen.** Not as strong but impact worsened by poor forecasting; it killed over 1,300 people when it struck in 2008.

Coping methods

Finding ways to survive floods

The Philippines is hit by an average of 20 storms per year, and the locals have found ways to adapt. During storms hundreds of thousands of people move into evacuation centres including schools, gymnasiums and government buildings. In the coastal areas, many homes have to be repeatedly rebuilt. **METRO**



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Making Hell on Wheels look good

Period piece. AMC's post-Civil War western an exciting challenge for its costume designer



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There is a lot of work that goes into making Hell on Wheels look as good as it does.

The exciting but violent AMC western, which is filmed in Alberta, has been noted for its realistic portrayal of life on the frontier, post Civil War.

Set in the mid-1860s, the show centres on Cullen Bohannon (Anson Mount), a former Confederate soldier who joins the dangerous traveling town known as Hell on Wheels as it moves west, following the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad.

While Alberta's wild weather can be credited for much of the mud and grime that coats everything — and everyone — in Hell on Wheels, it's the creative designers who make sure the visual details are just right.

Costume designer Carol Case, for example, has shelves full of books about the Civil War and the building of the first transcontinental railroad to help her style the main cast, as well as hundreds of extras.

"With a show like this, they're not actually cowboys," explains Case, who previously spent several seasons as the costume designer for CBC's Heartland.

"They are people moving into the frontier, but they're not all cowboys. It changes the sensibility a little bit. For example, there are differences between what people in New York would wear at the time, and the practicalities of working (out west on the railroad.) You want to keep as close to the historical aspect of it, but



Costume designer Carol Case mixes historical accuracy with a modern sensibility to clothe actor Anson Mount on AMC's Hell on Wheels. HANDOUT

also give it a modern sensibility."

Case says there are between 450 and 500 costumes used throughout the season, and although some of the outfits for background actors are rented, many costumes take weeks to create.

In addition to extensive research, Case also had to meet with producers, as well as lead actors Mount, Colm Meaney,

Common and Dominique McElligott, to understand their vision for the show. "This is a great cast," she says.

"They're collaborative, so you can put your ideas out on the table and have an intelligent conversation about it. Most people are willing to go there with you or willing to give your ideas a try. It's been a really great experience that way."

Details

- Carol Case started out as a cutter in the costume departments of such theatre companies as Alberta Theatre Projects, Theatre Calgary and the Stratford Festival.

adian movie Primo Baby, and she has worked on several Alberta-shot features and TV movies including Legends of the Fall, The Claim and Angels Fall.

- Her first foray into film was working on the 1988 Can-

- Hell on Wheels airs on AMC on Sundays.

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Evelyn Lozada's rep says star has filed for divorce from Chad Johnson after arrest



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Hating the good guy the norm on Boss

Drama series. Troy Garity clashes with series star Kelsey Grammer in a show set in Chicago's political minefields

Troy Garity has identified four pillars of American life: the Government, the People, People with Money, and the Press.

At least, this theory serves him nicely on his Starz drama series *Boss*, where Garity plays a crusading newspaper editor who locks

horns with the towering title character, Chicago Mayor Tom Kane, portrayed by series star Kelsey Grammer.

Garity relishes his role as Sam Miller, who, promoted from reporter for the scrappy *Sentinel* last season, now runs it.

"I'm a good source of agitation and conflict with our hero, the evil mayor," he says, even as he marvels at Kane's charismatic hold on the show's fictitious citizens and viewers alike.

"I'm actually doing the right thing," declares Garity. "But I'm vilified by the audience because I'm trying

to take down the person the audience is rooting for."

In short, Sam Miller has a worthy adversary. As *Boss* begins its second season (Friday), Kane remains a titanic figure of charm, defiance and corruption. But at the same time human frailties haunt him, mostly in the form of a degenerative brain disease he is hellbent on hiding from the world.

"We're taught that we

need to be in control of our lives," says Garity. "But however ruthless you are in cementing that control, there's always a higher power that can put you on bended knee."

So the central question of *Boss* is this: How much longer can Tom Kane prevail, and what toxic cocktail of forces — his illness, his political foes, moneyed interests who feel he's betrayed them, his fractious family, the dogged

Sam Miller — will finally spell his downfall?

"The mayor's under siege from all fronts," says Garity, almost as pleased with this glorious foil as with the actor who plays him (Grammer "is so professional and, considering how dark the show is, so light and giving.")

As it happens, Garity has firsthand knowledge of the political world and the glare of the press that inform *Boss*.

Though he bears the surname of his paternal grandmother, his mother is Jane Fonda, the Oscar-winning actress, political activist and lifelong lightning-rod for the right. His father is Tom Hayden — activist, former California state senator and one-time member of the Chicago Eight.

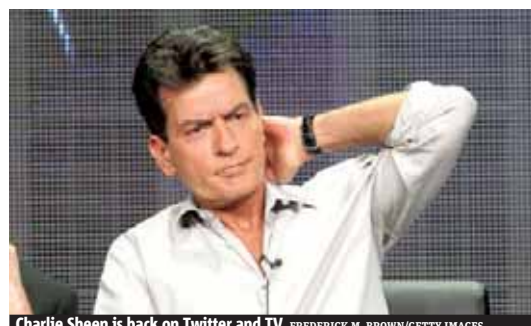
"My father thinks I'm playing him," laughs Garity.

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Troy Garity plays promoted reporter Sam Miller. HANDOUT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Twits on Twitter. Charlie Sheen returns to social media to some fanfare



Charlie Sheen is back on Twitter and TV. FREDERICK M. BROWN/GETTY IMAGES

CASSANDRA GARRISON
Metro World News

He couldn't stay away for more than a month. Though our favourite tiger-blood-filled celeb made a highly publicized exit from Twitter, he's re-joined the social network just in time to promote himself.

Charlie Sheen showed signs of life Wednesday on his Twitter account, which has more than 4 million followers, to let everyone know his father will be guest starring this Thursday on his show *Anger Management* — and, of course, we should all tune in.

"It's on! My pop guest stars Thursday on *Anger Management*. Watch my dad show up as my dad 9:30 p.m. on FX. Best yet!!" Sheen tweeted.

He attached a photo of himself with his dad, Martin Sheen. The two are yukking it up over a couple of beers.

Sheen hasn't tweeted since July 13 when he told followers, "reach for the stars everyone. dogspeed cadre. c out."

The cryptic message mystified fans who eventually interpreted the tweet as Sheen's resignation from Twitter. The Twittersphere rejoiced at his re-entry today.

"Charlie!!!! We love you here in Greece!!!!" one fan tweeted.

"omg your back on! Watched *Anger Management* yest & was great!!" another said.

But if Sheen wants to keep his reputation as a High Priest Vatican Assassin Warlock, he's going to have to tweet better than this.

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No sequel for Stewart

While Rupert Sanders might still get to direct a follow-up to *Snow White* and the Huntsman, star Kristen Stewart reportedly won't be taking part, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

While a planned second film was set to follow Stewart's *Snow White*, studio Universal is now re-conceiving the sequel as a spin-off focusing on Chris Hemsworth's Huntsman.

"The studio is currently exploring options to continue the franchise," a Universal spokeswoman says. Sanders and Stewart made headlines when they acknowledged they'd been having an affair last month, though it's unclear if that situation had anything to do with the studio's decision.



Jean-Claude Van Damme

Van Damme cheated on wife with Kylie Minogue

Nearly 20 years later, Jean-Claude Van Damme confirms that yes, he did in fact cheat on his then-wife, Darcy LaPier, with singer Kylie Minogue while filming *Street Fighter*, according to the Guardian.

"Yes, yes, yes. It happened," Van Damme tells the newspaper. "It would be abnormal not to have had an affair, she's so beautiful

and she was there in front of me every day with a beautiful smile, simpatico, so charming. She wasn't acting like a big star."

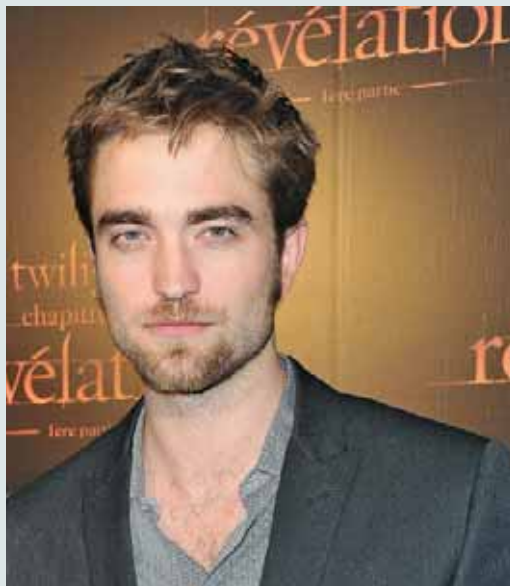
As for a more detailed recollection?

"You should ask her," he says. "She'll have a better memory. I'm 51 years old. Do you know how much I was punched in the face on *The Expendables*?"

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Pattinson dodging break-up questions

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With his latest film, *Cosmopolis*, set to hit theatres Friday, Robert Pattinson — who has never been one to talk about his personal life — has been at the mercy of the media.

He eased into things Monday with *The Daily Show*, where Jon Stewart playfully offered him a pint of break-up Ben & Jerry's before obediently asking him about the film that no

one cared about.

But *Good Morning America* host George Stephanopoulos wasn't about to let dignity get in his way yesterday morning.

After Pattinson didn't voluntarily offer any details about how he's coping after the Kristen Stewart cheating scandal, Stephanopoulos pressed, "What do you want your fans to know about what's going on in your personal life?"

Pattinson finally offered some insight: "I'd like my fans to know that Cinnamon Toast Crunch is just 130 calories."

We're pretty sure this is as close as we're ever going to get to eating breakfast with Robert Pattinson. And we'll take it — even if that is one skimpy little bowl of Cinnamon Toast Crunch.



Jennifer Aniston. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Aniston's rocking a major rock

Jennifer Aniston has been hiding her engagement ring, but that won't stop us from talking about it. According to *Life & Style*, fiancé Justin Theroux is significantly poorer this week. "It's a huge emerald-cut diamond," a "friend" of the couple tells the magazine

of the eight-carat rock.

"It's a rectangle with tapered diamond baguettes on the sides."

We already feel creepy talking about this, so sure, let's go for broke: Angelina Jolie is wearing a similarly cut engagement ring from Aniston's ex, Brad Pitt.

Miley seems proud of new hairdo

Miley Cyrus has caught some flack for the drastic bleach-blond haircut she debuted on Twitter this week, but she's not taking it seriously.

In fact, she's taken to tweeting inspiring affirmations.

"Self love is the greatest of all flatterers," she posted Monday, while the next day she followed up with "Energy flows where our intention goes. Create your day," accompanied by a picture of the pixie-haired singer lounging in bed.

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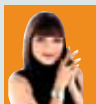


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@Jeanne_Beker: My daughter just took on a train with vintage luggage circa 1940. Cool but hard to travel with. What rules for travel: Style or function?

@JeffreyLuscombe: Style for train, function for plane.

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Your luggage should be function but you should always dress in style!

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Agreed!

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@Jeanne_Beker
Yeah—it is rather romantic after all.

@Whatsinmypurse
i think you can have both! Love function but would never give up

style ...maybe compromise a wee bit

@Jeanne_Beker
I definitely think compromise is key—to all kinds of situations!

@charlottenurse
I have 3 hardshell suitcases from the 50s that I LOVE but are so impractical :(

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Tell me about it! We'll have to see how my daughter fares with hers...



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Cosmo's Helen Gurley Brown leaves a legacy of frank sexual talk and message of fulfilment

Small space design tricks

Design centre. Making a tiny condo look bigger



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I live in a small, open-space condo. The living, dining room and kitchen feels like one room. How do I define each space? Can I do it with a few different paint colours?

If you want to make a small, open space feel larger, paint it all one neutral colour.

Keep in mind that you are painting one large room so the colour has to be rich enough to hold the entire space together. Use furniture arranging, art, mirrors and rugs to help define individual areas.

Go neutral with the long-term items like paint colour, soft furnishings and a dining table while add trend-setting colours in pillows, area rug and artwork.



Tall leaning mirror

In long, narrow spaces a tall sturdy mirror will help visually widen the area and reflect natural light deep into a dark area. Place a large mirror behind the dining table to help open up a tight area. There's no better value than Ikea's Mongstad mirror; at over three feet by six feet in size, the hefty frame can be painted a trendy colour or left its neutral brown/black. Mongstad Mirror, \$99, Ikea.ca.



Round table, \$1485, casalife.com

A 42-54" round pedestal table is the perfect choice for in an open concept dining area. The round shape is easy to walk around (no corners to bump into) and the pedestal base offers more flexibility when seating guests. Casa Life's TAHA table fits the bill; its glass top and shiny stainless base reflects light and offers up a modern yet airy appearance.

Warm grey paint colour

Choose a trend-setting warm grey paint colour as a neutral backdrop to your furnishings and artwork. Don't be afraid to choose a darker tone. Benjamin Moore's Museum Piece CSP-40 is an excellent colour that will look good with almost anything.



Cedric Arm Chair, \$549, UrbanBarn.com

Forego the traditional sofa and chairs for the living room and consider 4 matching club chairs for the space; creating a casual lounge feel will offer up more flexibility when you want to rearrange the room. The Cedric chair is a great choice as it is comfy and has trendy mid-century modern details like exposed wood and button detailing.



Zak Rygg, \$1,250, crateandbarrel.com

A rug that acts as artwork will not only add colour and personality to a space but help ground and define the living area. The most popular sized rug is an 8x10 which always seems to fit into any room setting. The Zak rug from Crate and Barrel adds many trend colours to pull from.

Getting the bedding

What kind of sheets should I buy for my master bed, how many do I need and how often do I need to change them? Diane B.



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Dear Diane B,

First, when you go shopping I don't want you to worry or stress about thread count.

Feel the sheets and re-

member the fabric has "sizing" (a combination of light glue and starch on them, making them stiff and look good in the retail store), so you really need to buy one sheet, wash it and sleep with it. I like sheets with "percale" in the summer. This is a closely woven smooth finish cotton.

In the winter I love flannel sheets, and the best part of flannel for me is that they are warm on cold nights and don't need to be ironed!

I personally don't rec-

ommend anything with polyester simply because they don't breath, so you are more likely to sweat in them and be uncomfortable.

Once you find a brand of sheets you like, you should have a minimum of two sets, and if budget allows, a third set.

This way you have one set that is dirty, one on the bed and an emergency back up for spills, dogs, kids, life, etc.

And finally in a perfect world bed sheets should be

changed weekly.

Remember the human body sweats a litre of liquid per night and the exfoliation of dead skin about every 21 days all accumulate in your bed, and bacteria/mites love to feed on this.

Even if you don't have time to iron your sheets, change them often. You will sleep better and feel better in clean fresh cotton sheets.

And the colour? I personally only buy white sheets but colour, pattern and style is truly a personal choice.

Pick your style and buy everything within that same style so it gives you lots of mix-and-match options. Sleep tight!



In a perfect world, you should change your bed sheets every week. ISTOCK IMAGES



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The sixth wall: Bring your floors to life with paint

DIY ideas. You don't need to be an artist — though it does require some patience

When it became clear that allergies would prevent Nancy B. Westfall's infant daughter from having a rug in her room, the Atlanta-based artist turned instead to paint, a few stencils and a plan.

Westfall used the baby's bedroom floor much like she would a canvas, painting on it a diamond-shaped pattern that gave the space a custom look you simply can't achieve with a kid's area rug.

Eleven years and another house later, Westfall remains a big fan of bringing floors to life with colour instead of covering them up.

"They look pretty refined, and they look even better painted," Westfall says.

You don't have to be a professional artist like Westfall to do it, although propon-

ents of painting the floor say it does require patience and nerve.

Rachel Cannon Lewis, an interior designer in Baton Rouge, La., encourages clients to consider it. Painting a floor, whether it's wood or concrete, can be more affordable than tile, carpet or other floor coverings, she says.

And in homes that date back more than a century, painted floors are more historically accurate. Back then, people frequently painted their wide, plank wood floors to protect them from warping, Lewis says.

Plus, painting just looks good.

"I'm starting to think of the floor as the sixth wall," says Lewis, who considers floors "an overlooked opportunity to get creative and introduce colour." (The "fifth wall," by the way, is the ceiling).

Painting floors yourself can be a lengthy process, Lewis says, primarily because the thin, oil-based paint she recommends requires mul-

tiplied coats, with lengthy dry times between each one. Getting fancier by, say, creating a pattern with paint or a stencil, requires even more patience and precision.

Even if you hire a professional painter, however, "You have to be willing to embrace the idea that it's going to be a different solution than what most people tell you to do," Lewis says.

"There are going to be friends that come over who don't get it, and your mom is not going to get it," she says. "But I love the notoriety that comes with pushing the envelope and going for it."

Painted floors are not as durable as some of the alternatives, especially in high-traffic areas, says Sidney Wagner, a Charleston, S.C., interior designer.

"Over time, even with polyurethane, they will show scratches and the paint will scratch off," she says. "However, a tip to help combat your floors from looking too shabby is to paint a contrasting layer of colour

underneath. So when that second layer of colour comes through with the scratches, the marred floors will look planned with your colour scheme."

Carol Charny, a Larchmont, New York-based interior designer, says that painting floors requires a bit of throwing caution to the wind.

"You can do anything you want. The world is your oyster," she says. "You just have to disengage from fear."

In the home interiors shop she used to own, Charny used black and white paint to make the floor look like it was covered with an area rug, complete with fringe.

She warns that the margin for error grows with the complexity of the project. "You're not going to paint an Oriental rug," she says.

On the other hand, the beauty of using paint is that, if something goes awry, you can cover it up.

"You have to relax," she says. "It's only paint."

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This image shows the floor that Atlanta artist Nancy B. Westfall painted in her daughter's room. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/GREGG IRBY FINE ART

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2. In a sauté pan, heat the oil, place the patties, cook until they are brown, turn over and repeat.

3. Remove from pan and place into the oven and cook until the internal temp is 165 F.

4. Serve on slider buns and with a salad such as a Jicama Slaw. Garnish with sliced tomato and spinach

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- 500 g ground Bison meat
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- 2 med eggs
- 5 ml Dijon mustard
- 15 ml chili paste
- salt and pepper to taste
- 50 g bread crumbs
- 20 ml olive oil

Three Sister Relish. A delicious condiment

1. In a stainless steel bowl, combine corn, zucchini, onions, peppers and salt, and mix well. Cover and let stand for 6 hours. Strain mixture, rinse and let drain.

2. In a stainless steel pot, combine zucchini mixture with beans, sugar, vinegar, turmeric, nutmeg, jalapeno and horseradish. Bring to a simmer and allow it to do so for 40 to 50 minutes, stirring occasionally. Do not let all the liquid evaporate.

3. Sanitize jars, lids and all canning instruments. Then fill hot jars with hot relish, leaving about 1 cm of headspace. Remove any air



This recipe makes six 250 ml jars.
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bubbles and fill if necessary. Wipe rims, place sterilized lids on center of each jar. Screw band on jars, tighten firmly.

4. Place jars in canner, make sure that cans are adequately covered with water. Bring to a boil and process for 15 minutes. Turn off and let rest in water for 10 minutes. Remove jars and store, do not disturb for 1 hour.

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NHL and players' union still worlds apart, says Bettman

CBA. 'Number of issues' still unresolved with time running out

With one month to go before the NHL's collective bargaining agreement expires, the league and players seem no closer to a deal than when talks began in June.

In fact, the divide may have grown even further.

It took commissioner Gary Bettman less than 24 hours to conclude that the first proposal from the NHL Players' Association held little appeal for the owners.

"There's still a wide gap between us with not much time to go," Bettman said Wednesday in Toronto.

"I do think it's fair to say that the sides are still apart — far apart — and have different views of the world and the issues," he added.

The current CBA expires Sept. 15 and Bettman has

made it clear that the league will enact a work stoppage if a new deal isn't in place by then.

On Tuesday, the union put forth a proposal that included a smaller percentage of revenues for players over the next three seasons in exchange for an expanded revenue-sharing program to help struggling teams. The NHLPA estimated that players would be giving up \$465 million US in salaries if the league continued on its pace of growth each season.

However, that math didn't add up for the league.

"I think it's fair to say that we value the proposal and what it means in terms of its economics differently than the players' association does," said Bettman. "I think there still are a number of issues where we're looking at the world differently. I'm not sure that there has yet been a recognition of the economics in our world — and I mean the greater world and the sports industry, taking into account what recently happened with the NFL and the NBA."

Both of those leagues went through recent lockouts before ultimately seeing the players' share in revenue reduced. The NHL's initial proposal called for a significant reduction from 57 per cent to 43 per cent, when factoring in changes to the way revenue is calculated.

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NHL commissioner Gary Bettman arrives for collective bargaining talks in Toronto on Wednesday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fehr cries foul

NHLPA head bristles at reception

The strong words Wednesday left many feeling like another lockout is ahead.

Donald Fehr, the NHLPA's executive director, was disappointed the owners weren't more receptive to what he viewed as significant concessions in the NHLPA's offer.

"There's a pretty substantial monetary gulf which is there and when you start with the proposal the owners made, how could it be otherwise?" said Fehr. "I mean, consider what the proposal was: It is 'Let's move salaries back to where they were before the (2004-05) lockout started, back to the last time.'"

"We had a 24 per cent reduction last time, let's have another one.' That was the proposal. That's what creates the gulf."

The sides broke off from talks with two completely different offers on the table and no meaningful negotiation sessions planned until Aug. 22. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"It takes two sides to make a deal, it takes two sides to negotiate and it takes two sides if it all goes bad."

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman

Hernandez finds perfection versus Rays



Felix Hernandez gets doused with water after Wednesday's perfect game.

OTTO GREULE JR./GETTY IMAGES

King Felix now has a crowning achievement.

Felix Hernandez pitched the Seattle Mariners' first perfect game and the 23rd in baseball history, overpowering the Tampa Bay Rays in a brilliant 1-0 victory Wednesday.

The 2010 AL Cy Young Award winner has long talked of his desire to achieve pitching perfection. He finally accomplished it against the Rays, finishing with 12 strikeouts.

"I don't have any words to explain this," Hernandez said to the crowd, speaking on

By the numbers

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Twelve of MLB history's 23 perfect games have come in the last 25 seasons.

the field after the final out. "I've been working so hard to throw one and today is for you guys."

It was the third perfect game in baseball this season — a first — joining gems by Chicago's Philip Humber

against the Mariners in April and San Francisco's Matt Cain versus Houston in June.

It also was the sixth no-hitter in the majors this season, three of them at Seattle's Safeco Field. Humber threw his gem in Seattle, then six Mariners pitchers combined to hold the Los Angeles Dodgers hitless at the park on June 8.

For the Rays, it was an all-too-familiar feeling. It was the third time in four seasons they had a perfect game pitched against them.

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MLB

Giants' Cabrera gets 50-game ban

Melky Cabrera's MVP-calibre regular season is over. The San Francisco Giants outfielder, and NL batting leader, was suspended 50 games Wednesday following a positive test for testosterone.

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Soccer



"While the news is devastating, I have much to be thankful for."

Bolton midfielder Fabrice Muamba, who retired from soccer Wednesday, Muamba suffered a cardiac arrest during a game in March and made his decision after medical consultations last week.

CFL

Mitchell's appeal on ban falls flat

B.C. Lions defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell will serve a two-game suspension for hyperextending another player's arm in a game last month.

An arbitrator has upheld the two-game ban, originally handed down July 23.

Mitchell appealed the decision and has remained in the Lions lineup.

The incident occurred in a July 22 game between Edmonton and B.C., when Mitchell violently pulled on the arm of Edmonton offensive lineman Simeon Rottier.

The suspension is significant by CFL standards because it's the longest ever issued by commissioner Mark Cohon. THE CANADIAN PRESS



B.C. Lions defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mobile sports



Things in Boston just keep getting worse. With the Red Sox sitting 12 1/2 games back in the AL East, rumours had been swirling about a player mutiny against manager Bobby Valentine. The drama forced club owner John Henry to try to dispel that notion on Wednesday. Scan the code for the story.

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MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	69	47	.595	—
Baltimore	64	53	.547	5½
Tampa Bay	63	54	.538	6½
Boston	57	61	.483	13
Toronto	55	62	.470	14½

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	64	52	.552	—
Detroit	63	55	.534	2
Cleveland	54	63	.462	10½
Kansas City	51	65	.440	13
Minnesota	50	67	.427	14½

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	67	48	.583	—
Oakland	61	55	.526	6½
Los Angeles	61	56	.521	7
Seattle	55	64	.462	14

Wednesday's results
Detroit 5, Minnesota 1
Seattle 1, Tampa Bay 0
Baltimore 5, Boston 3
Chicago White Sox 9, Toronto 5
Kansas City 3, Oakland 2
Texas at N.Y. Yankees
Cleveland at L.A. Angels

Tuesday's results
Baltimore 7, Boston 1
N.Y. Yankees 3, Texas 0
Chicago White Sox 3, Toronto 2
Detroit 8, Minnesota 4
Kansas City 5, Oakland 0
L.A. Angels 9, Cleveland 6
Seattle 3, Tampa Bay 2

Thursday's games
Texas (D.Holland 7-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 11-6), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (Buchholz 10-3) at Baltimore (Tillman 5-2), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Liriano 3-10) at Toronto (Laffey 3-3), 7:07 p.m.
Oakland (Strally 0-0) at Kansas City (Hochevar 7-10), 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 15-4) at L.A. Angels (Haren 8-9), 10:05 p.m.

Friday's games
Baltimore at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Texas at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
Trout, LAA	94	381	91	130	.341
McCabe, Det	117	463	76	151	.326
Jeter, NYY	114	488	69	156	.320
Mauer, Minn	107	396	66	126	.318
Revere, Minn	81	341	45	108	.317
Konerko, ChiW	101	377	49	119	.316
Ortiz, Bos	89	320	65	101	.316
AJackson, Det	95	373	75	117	.314
Rios, ChiW	112	434	69	135	.311
Cano, NYY	116	454	74	141	.311

HOME RUNS - Adunn, Chi Sox, 33; Hamilton, Texas, 32; Encarnacion, Toronto, 30; Granderson, N.Y. Yankees, 30; Willingham, Minnesota, 30; McCabe, Detroit, 29; Trumbo, L.A. Angels, 29.

PITCHING - Weaver, L.A. Angels, 15-2; Price, Tampa Bay, 15-4; Sale, Chi Sox, 14-3; M.Harrison, Texas, 13-7; Vargas, Seattle, 13-8; Sabathia, N.Y. Yankees, 12-3; Verlander, Detroit, 12-7; Danivish, Texas, 12-8.

Not including yesterday's games

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	73	45	.619	—
Atlanta	68	49	.581	4½
New York	55	62	.470	17½
Philadelphia	54	63	.462	18½
Miami	53	65	.449	20

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	71	46	.607	—
Pittsburgh	64	53	.547	7
St. Louis	64	53	.547	7
Milwaukee	52	64	.448	18½
Chicago	46	70	.397	24½
Houston	39	80	.328	33

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	65	53	.551	—
San Francisco	64	54	.542	1
Arizona	58	59	.496	6½
San Diego	52	67	.437	13½
Colorado	44	71	.383	19½

Wednesday's results
Miami 9, Philadelphia 2
Chicago Cubs 7, Houston 2
Colorado 7, Milwaukee 6
Washington 9, San Francisco 4
L.A. Dodgers 9, Pittsburgh 3
Cincinnati 6, N.Y. Mets 1
Atlanta 6, San Diego 1
St. Louis 5, Arizona 2

Tuesday's results
L.A. Dodgers 11, Pittsburgh 0
Cincinnati 3, N.Y. Mets 0
Philadelphia 1, Miami 0
Atlanta 6, San Diego 0
Houston 10, Chicago Cubs 1
St. Louis 8, Arizona 2
Colorado 8, Milwaukee 6
San Francisco 6, Washington 1

Thursday's games
L.A. Dodgers (Blanton 8-10) at Pittsburgh (A.J.Burnett 14-4), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Harvey 1-3) at Cincinnati (H.Bailey 10-7), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Marquis 6-6) at Atlanta (Medlen 3-1), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (CLLee 2-7) at Milwaukee (Estrada 0-5), 8:10 p.m.
Arizona (Cahill 9-10) at St. Louis (Lohse 12-2), 8:15 p.m.
Miami (Nolasco 9-11) at Colorado (White 2-6), 8:40 p.m.

Friday's games
N.Y. Mets at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
Arizona at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
Miami at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
McCutchen, Pgh	112	421	81	151	.359
McCabe, SF	113	459	84	159	.346
Votto, Cin	86	298	52	102	.342
Posey, SF	106	375	50	124	.331
DWright, NYM	112	415	70	134	.323
Gonzalez, Col	105	417	75	134	.321
Holliday, StL	113	432	75	136	.315
Y Molina, StL	101	375	46	117	.312
Altuve, Hou	109	436	67	131	.300
Brou, Mil	108	418	73	125	.299

HOME RUNS - Braun, Milwaukee, 29; Beltran, St. Louis, 28; Kubel, Arizona, 25; Bruce, Cincinnati, 23; Holliday, St. Louis, 23; LaRue, Washington, 23; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 23.

PITCHING - Dickey, N.Y. Mets, 15-3; Gonzalez, Washington, 15-6; Cueto, Cincinnati, 15-6; AJBurnett, Pittsburgh, 14-4; Lynn, St. Louis, 13-5; Strasburg, Washington, 13-5; Hamels, Philadelphia, 13-6; Bumgarner, San Francisco, 13-7.

Not included including yesterday's games

WHITE SOX 9, BLUE JAYS 5

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
De Aza cf	3	1	0	0	RDavis rf	4	0	0	0
Youkilis 3b	4	1	1	0	Rasmus dh	5	0	0	0
ADunn 1b	5	1	1	3	Encnc lf	4	1	1	0
Rios rf	5	0	1	0	Cooper 1b	4	1	2	0
Przyns c	5	2	2	0	YEscor ss	4	0	1	0
AlRmrz ss	4	1	1	0	KJhnsn 2b	4	1	1	3
Viciedo dh	3	2	2	2	Vizquel 3b	4	1	2	0
Wise lf	4	1	2	4	Mathis c	4	1	1	1
OHudsn 2b	3	0	1	0	Gose cf	4	0	1	0
Bckhm ph-2b	1	0	0	0					
Totals	37	9	11	9	Totals	37	5	9	4
Chicago	020	200	500	9					
Toronto	000	013	001	5					

E—Pierzynski (4), Veal (1). LOB—Chicago 5, Toronto 6. 2B—Rios (29), Pierzynski (13), Cooper (9). HR—A.Dunn (34), Viciedo (18), Wise (4), K.Johnson (14), Mathis (7). SB—Vizquel (3), Gose (7). CS—De Aza (9).

IP H R ER BB SO

Chicago	Floyd W,9-9	6	8	4	3	0	8
Veal	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
Humber	1	1	1	1	0	2	

Toronto
R.Romero L,8-10
Lincoln 2
Jenkins 1
R.Romero pitched to 2 batters in the 7th.
HBP—by R.Romero (De Aza, Youkilis).
Umpires—Home, Mark Wegner; First, David Rackley; Second, Brian Knight; Third, Mike Winters.
T—2:39. A—20,119 (49,260).

BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

Vizquel	108	10	23	0	3	.213
Gose	64	7	12	0	2	.188
Gomes	75	8	13	3	10	.173
Hechavarria	22	1	3	0	0	.136
PITCHERS	W	L	SV	IP	SO	ERA
Mathis	0	0	0	20	0	9.00
Jenkins	0	0	0	4.2	0	0.00
Lyon	1	0	0	10.0	20	0.90
Oliver	2	2	2	42.2	42	1.27
Janssen	1	1	15	45.2	46	2.36
Loup	0	2	0	17.0	11	2.65
Morrow	7	4	0	77.2	67	3.01
Villanueva	6	2	0	80.2	86	3.12
Perez	2	2	0	42.0	39	3.43
Lincoln	0	0	0	7.0	4	3.86
Fraser	3	1	0	36.0	45	4.00
Delabar	3	1	0	44.1	60	4.06
Alvarez	7	10	0	142.2	53	4.48
Hutchinson	5	3	0	58.2	49	4.60
Drabek	4	7	0	71.1	47	4.67
Laffey	3	3	0	61.0	32	4.72
Romero	8	9	0	143.2	59	5.32
Happ	1	1	0	17.0	16	6.35
Santos	0	1	2	5.0	4	9.00
Coello	0	1	0	6.1	11	12.79

PITCHERS

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Jenkins	0	0	0	4.2	2	0.00
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Oliver	2	2	2	42.2	42	1.27
Janssen	1	1	1	15.4	52.6	2.36
Loup	0	2	0	17.0	11	2.65
Morrow	7	4	0	77.2	67	3.01
Villanueva	6	2	0	80.2	86	3.12
Perez	2	2	0	42.0	39	3.43
Lincoln	0	0	0	7.0	4	3.86
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Delabar	3	1	0	44.1	60	4.06
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Happ	1	1	0	17.0	16	6.35
Santos	0	1	2	5.0	4	9.00
Cello	0	1	0	6.1	1112.79	

Not including Wednesday's game

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	24	13	7	4	30	22	43
New York	24	12	7	5	40	34	41
Houston	24	11	6	7	35	27	40
Chicago	23	11	7	5	28	25	38
D.C. United	22	11	8	3	36	29	36
Montreal	26	10	13	3	36	43	33
Columbus	21	8	8	5	21	22	29
Philadelphia	21	7	12	2	23	27	23
New England	23	6	12	5	26	29	23
Toronto	23	5	13	5	27	42	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	24	14	5	5	47	29	47
Real Salt Lake	25	13	9	3	36	30	42
Seattle	23	10	6	7	32	24	37
Vancouver	24	10	7	7	28	29	37
Los Angeles	26	11	11	4	44	40	37
Chivas USA	21	7	9	5	14	25	26
Dallas	25	6	11	8	29	34	26
Colorado	24	8	15	1	31	35	25
Portland	23	5	12	6	22	39	21

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 for a tie.

Wednesday's results
Portland 2 Toronto 2
Los Angeles 1 Columbus 1
Dallas at Vancouver
Saturday's games
All times Eastern
Vancouver at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Kansas City at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
San Jose at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Chivas USA at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Salt Lake, 9 p.m.

TIMBERS 2, TORONTO FC 2

Portland 1 1 2
Toronto 0 2 2

First Half
1. Portland, Zizzo 1, 21st minute

Second Half
2. Toronto, Hassli 3, 57th
3. Toronto, Silva 3 (Morgan, Hassli), 63rd
4. Portland, Nagbe 4 (Smith, Alexander) 82nd

Goal — Portland: Ricketts (T); Toronto: Kocic (T).

Shots — Portland: 10; Toronto: 15.
Shots on goal — Portland: 5; Toronto: 6.
Corner kicks — Portland: 6; Toronto: 6.
Fouls — Portland: 12; Toronto: 9.
Offsides — Portland: 1; Toronto: 1.
Yellow cards — Portland: Mosquera, 85th.
Toronto: None.

Referee — Geoff Gamble. **Assistant Referees** — Claudio Badea, Kevin Klinger. **Fourth Official** — Abbey Okulaja.
Att. — 18,773 at Toronto.

FOOTBALL

NFL PRE-SEASON

Thursday's games
All times Eastern
Cleveland at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 8 p.m.

Friday's games
Tennessee at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Jacksonville at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 8 p.m.
Miami at Carolina, 8 p.m.
Oakland at Arizona, 10 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP-WTA

WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN

At Mason, Ohio
Wednesday's results
Singles
Men
Second Round
Mardy Fish (10), United States, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 6-3, 6-1.
Viktor Troicki, Serbia, def. Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, 6-2, 6-0.
Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, def. Florian Mayer, Germany, 6-3, 6-3.
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 7-6 (4), 6-2.
Juan Martin del Potro (6), Argentina, def. Tommy Haas, Germany, 7-5, 6-2.
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 6-4, 6-3.
Andy Murray (3), Britain, def. Sam Querrey, United States, 6-2, 6-4.
Milos Raonic, Canada, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-4.
Kei Nishikori (14), Japan, def. James Blake, United States, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Radek Stepánek, Czech Republic, def. Juan Monaco (8), Argentina, 7-6 (2), 6-1.
Marin Cilic (12), Croatia, def. Jesse Levine, United States, 7-5, 7-6 (6).

Women
Agnieszka Radwanska (1), Poland, def. Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, 6-4, 6-3.
Sloane Stephens, United States, def. Camila Giorgi, Italy, 6-2, 6-1.
Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, def. Dominika Cibulkova (11), Slovakia, 7-6 (1), 4-1, retired.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (17), Russia, def. Julia Goerges, Germany, 6-3, 6-0.
Peng Shuai, China, def. Roberta Vinci, Italy, 6-3, 6-4.
Petra Kvitová (4), Czech Republic, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.
Sara Errani (7), Italy, def. Daniela Hantuchová, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-4.
Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, 4-6, 4-1, retired.
Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Anna Tatishvili, Georgia, 6-1, 6-2.
Venus Williams, United States, def. Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles
Men
First Round
Juan Sebastian Cabal, Colombia, and Bruno Soares, Brazil, def. Colin Fleming and Ross Hutchins, Britain, 6-4, 6-4.
Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Marcelo Melo, Brazil, def. Tomas Berdych, Czech Republic, and Florian Mayer, Germany, 6-4, 6-3.

Women
Eleni Daniilidou, Germany, and Peng Shuai, China, def. Jelena Jankovic, Serbia, and Shahar Peer, Israel, 6-1, 6-3.

Second Round
Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (5), Czech Republic, def. Julia Goerges, Germany, and Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, 6-1, 4-6, 10-6 tiebreak.

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA
Hamilton	6	3	3	0	182	198
Toronto	6	3	3	0	138	151
Montreal	6	3	3	0	164	188
Winnipeg	6	1	5	0	127	199

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Don't cut corners or disobey rules, especially on the work front where colleagues and employers won't be too happy if you do the opposite of what is expected of you. There's a lot at stake — don't mess up.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Watch what you say today because you may be tempted to go over the top and let slip something you will later regret. Also, make no accusations that you cannot back up with rock solid facts and figures.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Your financial situation is not so bad that you have to cash in your stocks and shares or sell off your assets. However, your everyday spending habits do need some attention. Where can you make savings?

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Petty arguments could very easily get out of hand today, so watch your temper. Others may be unjustly critical of what you are doing but the best way to deal with them is just to ignore them.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You seem to be out of touch with what is going on around you at the moment but that's no bad thing. If you get involved with other people's battles, you could end up as one of the wounded.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Listen to what other people have to tell you today and, if their proposals sound good, offer to join forces and make it happen. You are not the only one who has good ideas. Teamwork invariably brings success.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

What you are offered today may fall short of what you desire but the planets indicate it is the best deal you are going to get, so you might as well take it. And don't forget to show your appreciation.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Delays of one sort or another are likely today but don't let that stop you getting out into the world and meeting new people. In most situations, a smile and a kind word will get you past obstructions.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Few things are as bad as they first appear to be and if you keep that thought in mind today you won't go far wrong. A temporary setback is just that so don't make a huge deal of it.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

It may be easy to get annoyed with people who cannot live up to your standards, but if you do it will only make matters worse. Stay calm and realize that, for some, your standards are impossibly high.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You would be wise to think twice before acting on a hunch today, especially on the work front where your reputation could take a nose-dive if you make the wrong call. Let's others take the risks.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You should be doing more. You should be making better use of the talents you were born with. What you need to remember is that each and every day can be a new beginning. Forget about yesterday — act today.

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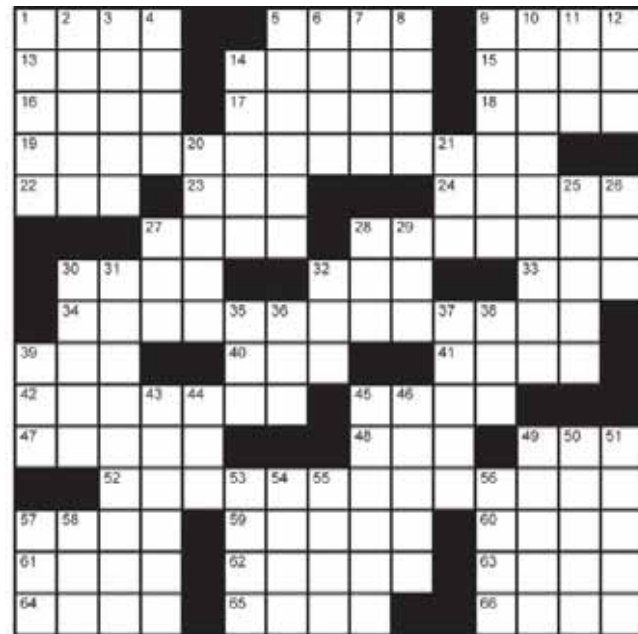
Crossword: It's a Puzzle

Across

1. ___ cadabra
5. Chimney cleaner's concern
9. The most successful Swedish music act
13. Beaufort and Bering
14. Fall crop spoiler
15. Street
16. Painting and sculpture, e.g.
17. Slightest
18. Animal fat
19. Ottawa resident who starred in the Mummy film series (2 wds.)
22. Hardly a gentleman
23. Key beside F1
24. My Dinner with ___ : 1981 film
27. Ancient cross with circular loop
28. ___ Party: Canada's oldest federally registered party
30. ___ time: never (2 wds.)
32. Inc.'s Canadian counterpart
33. Lubricant
34. What Canada Day commemorates
39. ___ up: soak (gravy with bread)
40. "___ are for kids"
41. Emoters
42. Northwest ___ : sea route on Canadian mainland's N coast
45. Vancouver team member
47. The ___ : series starring Mr. T (2 wds.)
48. ___ and outs
49. Consumed
52. City known as "The Birthplace of Confederation"
57. Tegan and ___ : Calgary-born rockers
59. "___ No Good": Linda Ronstadt hit
60. Spoiled kid
61. Any time
62. 1950s Ford flop
63. Mix by hand
64. "___ Smile Be Your Umbrella" (2 wds.)
65. Arranges, as a dinner table
66. Window unit

Down

1. "It's easy ___!": very simple (comparison) (2 wds.)
2. Legendary Yankee catcher Yogi
3. ___ R: for mature audiences
4. Org.
5. Canadian language
6. Bread unit
7. Soviet Union
8. Songstress James
9. Garfield's feline girlfriend
10. Corporate meeting place
11. Place serving 53-Down
12. Sum
14. Chemistry lab vessel
20. Words before "iniquity" or "thieves" (2 wds.)
21. Sat. or Sun. (depending on religion)
25. Precipitates
26. House wing 27.
36. Expire
37. "All ___ in favor ..."
38. Gandalf portrayer McKellen
39. Whirlpool site
43. African desert
44. "I ___ Rock": Simon & Garfunkel hit (2 wds.)
45. Gasoline units
46. "___ Inside": computer slogan
49. Main artery
50. Ontario-born singer Shania
51. ___ nous: confidentially (literally, between us)
53. Strong drinks sometimes called redeye
54. Ore deposit
55. Eject
56. Three tsps.
57. Poivre tablemate
58. 15-Across cousin: abbr.



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"Barbara ___": 1966 Beach Boys hit
28. Env. content
29. Film noir actress Lupino
30. "... ___ of many colors" (2 wds.)
31. Hush-hush (2 wds.)
32. ___ Luthor: Superman's nemesis
35. Heart measure, for short

36. Expire
37. "All ___ in favor ..."
38. Gandalf portrayer McKellen
39. Whirlpool site
43. African desert
44. "I ___ Rock": Simon & Garfunkel hit (2 wds.)
45. Gasoline units
46. "___ Inside": computer slogan
49. Main artery

50. Ontario-born singer Shania
51. ___ nous: confidentially (literally, between us)
53. Strong drinks sometimes called redeye
54. Ore deposit
55. Eject
56. Three tsps.
57. Poivre tablemate
58. 15-Across cousin: abbr.

Yesterday's crossword



What's online

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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